

**AN ORDINANCE****BY COUNCLMEMBER CEASAR C. MITCHELL****AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF NEW LICENSES AND THE TRANSFER OF EXISTING LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES IN SPI-9, BUCKHEAD COMMERCIAL CORE DISTRICT, FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) DAYS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has been and continues to be a burgeoning international city and destination for visitors from throughout the region, the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, because of this destination status, the City of Atlanta has developed a vibrant and successful nightlife culture; and

WHEREAS, this vibrant nightlife culture in the City of Atlanta is manifested and supported by a high concentration of nightclubs licensed to sell alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the regulation and enforcement of the city's alcohol licensing code requires substantial manpower and monetary resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta lacks the resources to manage the high concentration of nightclub establishments licensed to sell alcohol in the SPI-9 area of the Buckhead Commercial Core District; and

WHEREAS, inconsistent provisions within the existing zoning and alcohol licensing code sections hamper the City's ability to adequately regulate and enforce the existing city ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of establishments contribute to a myriad of problems, including, but not limited to, traffic congestion, lack of police visibility and enforcement, crowd control, and an excessive density of nightclubs; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council is dedicated to providing the resources necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of Atlanta's citizens and its visitors; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a comprehensive review be done of the City's zoning and alcoholic licensing code sections related to nightclubs and other nightlife establishments licensed to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

Section 1: That a moratorium is hereby instituted on the issuance of new licenses and the transfer of existing licenses for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises in SPI-9, the Buckhead Commercial Core, for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days.

Section 2: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.